

dream of sharing his music with others. He recently recorded his first album with the London Symphony Orchestra, where he honored the immigrant farm laborers who worked along side him during his career on the farm.

After the tragic events of September 11, Ted's mother, Ann S. Miller composed "A Tribute to America—A 21st Century Anthem" to honor the men and women in the Armed Forces. The song inspired Ted to organize the "Tribute to America Tour," which features his performance of his mother's song and performances by various children's groups around the country. Hoping to show children the patriotism and pride that lies in our country, America's Life Line Association is planning a special recording of 50,000 children singing the Anthem together.

On behalf of the people of Tampa Bay, I would like to extend my gratitude to Ted for his dedication to our country and this important cause.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representative JOHN PETERSON and I are introducing a bill to establish an annual National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in honor of the army of health care heroes who, every day, comfort, care for, and assist our loved ones. Modern society takes for granted the need for nursing as an indispensable component of our public health system, but this was not always the case. The very concept of a visiting nurse can be traced to the pioneering work of Florence Nightingale. She reformed British military hospitals in the Crimean War through an expose in the British press. She professionalized nursing and made it an acceptable profession for educated women, devoted the rest of her life to building on her experiences, setting standards and writing books, until the mission of nursing had gained the respect of the world.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow read of the work of Florence Nightingale, he penned a poem, Santa Filomena, that spoke of the deep appreciation owed by all of us to those dedicated to service in the ultimate caring profession. He wrote:

When'er a noble deed is wrought,
When'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in clad surprise,
To higher levels rise.
The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

The Visiting Nurse Associations of today are founded on the principle that the sick, the disabled, and the elderly benefit most from healthcare when it is offered in their own homes. They are non-profit home health agencies that provide cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of their condition or ability to pay for services. Through these exceptional organizations, 90,000 clinicians dedicate their lives to bringing

healthcare into the homes of over 4 million Americans every year. In the face of rising costs and drastic changes in our health care system, Visiting Nurse Associations have continued to deliver high quality health services for over 120 years.

It is time for Congress to recognize the vital services that visiting nurses provide their patients. Moreover, visiting nurses also are an indispensable lifeline for families. The comfort and quality care that visiting nurses provide can help family members cope with the difficulties of a loved one's illness.

I am proud to be introducing this important legislation with my colleague Representative PETERSON and urge my colleagues to join us in supporting National Visiting Nurse Associations Week.

DANIEL PEARL MUSIC DAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join musicians, artists and performers across America and around the world in saluting the life of Daniel Pearl and recognizing October 10, 2002—the day he would have celebrated his 39th birthday—as Daniel Pearl Music Day.

Musicians worldwide, including Itzhak Perlman; the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra; Junoon, the number one rock band from Pakistan, and numerous others have joined this tribute, which will use the universal language of music to spread a message of tolerance, humanity, friendship and global cooperation. Communities from Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Washington, Paris, and Tel Aviv to Mumbai, Goa, Bangkok and Beijing will all celebrate Daniel Pearl's message of world harmony.

Daniel, a talented violinist, fiddler and mandolin player, joined a band, orchestra or chamber group in every community in which he lived. Through music, he made friends out of strangers of all cultures.

A Princeton, New Jersey native, Daniel Pearl graduated from Stanford University with a BA in Communications. He began his career in journalism in the late 1980's and won an American Planning Association Award for a five-part series on land use. He joined the Wall Street Journal as a reporter in 1990 in Atlanta and moved to Washington, DC. He then moved to London, then to Paris and finally to Bombay where he was named South Asia bureau chief. He was an accomplished journalist with an uncanny ability to uncover wrongdoing while never losing sight of the humanity behind the news.

The extraordinary life of Daniel Pearl, a devoted son, a loving husband, a caring father and a loyal friend was tragically interrupted when he was kidnapped and brutally murdered by Islamic extremists in Pakistan while investigating a story for the Wall Street Journal.

In the spirit of Daniel Pearl's love of music and commitment to dialogue, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing October 10, 2002 as Daniel Pearl Music Day.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to introduce to my colleagues a resolution establishing a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week. Serving communities around the country for over 120 years, congressional recognition and gratitude for these nonprofit home health agencies is long over due. Currently, they are composed of 500 different associations and care for over 4,000,000 patients each year, many of whom are chronically ill and unable to pay medical expenses.

In a country crippled with staggering health care and medical costs, the Visiting Nurse Association continually and successfully works to achieve its mission of cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of the individuals' condition or ability to pay for services. They are a leading provider of mass immunizations in the Medicare program and constitute over 50 percent of all Medicaid home health admissions. The association relies heavily upon volunteer nurses and reinvests any budget surplus into charity care, adult day care centers, wellness clinics, Meals-on-Wheels, and immunization programs.

This resolution would establish an annual National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in order to increase public awareness of the charity-based organization. They unquestionably deserve recognition for their noble services and by establishing this resolution Congress would support the continuation of their mission.

I am proud to recognize these invaluable contributions of our VNAs by cosponsoring this legislation.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD MUSELLA

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Musella on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive Director of the Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce.

Rich has been an active member of the greater Westchester community, for more than three decades. As Executive Director, a position he held for seven years, Rich oversaw the daily operations of the more than 650-member chamber, one of the largest in Los Angeles county. Among his many accomplishments is the implementation of the consolidation of the Westchester/LAX Chamber and the Marina del Rey Area Chamber to create the Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce in 1998. Rich has served on the board of the Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce and the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to his Chamber work, Rich has also made other important contributions to his